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1. In the spring of 1952 a tank regiment was moved to Lebork (Lauenburg - P 55/H 40), east of Ustka (Stolpmuende). It is thought that a new regiment is being built up in the area, since troops and equipment for the regiment arrived in the area in small units, usually from the direction of Bytow (Buetow - P 55/N 36). Personnel assigned to the regiment are quartered in barracks on the north edge of Lebork, near the road running east of the Lebork Airfield. They wear steel grey uniforms with black or blue bands on their hats. The regiment is equipped with large tanks which have a single artillery piece on the front. The barrel of this gun is more than two meters long. A heavy machine gun is located above this artillery piece. The tanks are stored under tents and are guarded. They are used in exercises three times a week, and usually operate on fields in the direction of Kartuzy (P 55/Y 12).¹
2. East German fishermen who recently docked in Polish ports stated that Ruegen and Usedom (Uznam) Islands are to be exclusively used by naval vessels. It is rumored that the Soviet Union intends to use the islands for a large naval base and for an experimental rocket station.

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[REDACTED] there is a heavy concentration of Polish troops at Lebork. They are supposedly grouping together for maneuvers.

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